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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

For the past three years, the people who depend on Microsoft's products everyday have waited for a settlement to be reached in this antitrust suit. Now it seems that the end is in sight. I hope that this settlement goes forward so that this case can finally be put to rest.

Microsoft is willing to give up a lot in order to reach a settlement and I for one hope they do. Out of the many elements that Microsoft is willing to forfeit, one of the most overlooked is the right they're giving to computer manufacturers. By giving them the freedom to configure Windows with whatever applications they choose, Microsoft is ceding significant portions of its market share. Microsoft has also agreed to provide a uniform price list to them.

I hope that people will spend the time to go over the settlement, to see exactly what Microsoft is forgoing in order to put this case to rest. The settlement should be acceptable to everyone but the most ardent Microsoft opponents. I hope that it will be finalized soon so that everyone can just move on.

Sincerely,



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cc: Representative Jefferson Miller